

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1032

Introduced by Assembly Member Jones

February 22, 2005

An act to amend Section 8203 of the Education Code, relating to child care.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1032, as introduced, Jones. Child care: preschool teachers: professional development.

Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop standards for the implementation of quality child care and development programs, including that staff possess the appropriate and required qualifications or experience, or both.

This bill would include within those standards professional development for preschool classroom staff.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 8203 of the Education Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 8203. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall develop
- 4 standards for the implementation of quality programs. Indicators
- 5 of quality shall include, but not be limited to *all of the following*:
- 6 (a) A physical environment that is safe and appropriate to the
- 7 ages of the children and that meets applicable licensing
- 8 standards.

- 1 (b) Program activities and services that are age appropriate
2 and meet the developmental needs of each child.
- 3 (c) Program activities and services that meet the cultural and
4 linguistic needs of children and families.
- 5 (d) Family and community involvement.
- 6 (e) Parent education.
- 7 (f) Efficient and effective local program administration.
- 8 (g) (1) Staff that possesses the appropriate and required
9 qualifications or experience, or both. The appropriate staff
10 qualifications shall reflect the diverse linguistic and cultural
11 makeup of the children and families in the child care and
12 development program. The use of intergenerational staff shall be
13 encouraged.
- 14 (2) *Professional development for preschool classroom staff.*
- 15 (h) Program activities and services that meet the needs of
16 children with exceptional needs and their families.
- 17 (i) Support services for children, families, and providers of
18 care.
- 19 (j) Resource and referral services.
- 20 (k) Alternative payment services.
- 21 (l) Provision for nutritional needs of children.
- 22 (m) Social services that include, but are not limited to,
23 identification of child and family needs and referral to
24 appropriate agencies.
- 25 (n) Health services that include referral of children to
26 appropriate agencies for services.